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# THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

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## Special Features . . .

- ☆ Two monstrosities in our churches . By Woodrow McCaleb
- ☆ Does my life have purpose? . . . . . By Darrell Bice



# A. Donald Moffat appointed editor of O.I.B. magazine



**Rev. and Mrs. A. Donald Moffat**

Rev. A. Donald Moffat, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, has been appointed editor of the Ohio Independent Baptist magazine following the resignation of James R. Johnson who has served four years in this capacity. Brother Moffat's term will begin with the January issue.

Rev. Mr. Moffat will serve as full-time editor, conduct evangelistic services, and Bible conferences in Ohio and other states as the Lord leads. In this manner he will be able to visit with pastors in their churches and have a wider ministry than heretofore.

Brother Moffat has resigned his ministry of the Cedarville church to devote full time to this new ministry.

"The Moffats" served in two churches prior to their ministry in Cedarville. For approximately two years, Mr. Moffat was assistant pastor to Dr. Robert T. Ketcham at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Waterloo, Iowa. For a similar length of time he was pastor of the Berean

Baptist Church, Bunker Hill, Ill.

Don and Lois Moffat left the mission field of Brazil upon completion of Don's training at Moody Bible Institute located in the city of Manaus and hoping eventually to be found working among the Indians of the upper Rio Negro section of the dense Amazon Valley.

They were forced to return to this land, however, due to the serious illness of Mrs. Moffat. It became impossible for them to return to their missionary endeavors because the illness was of such a severe nature.

It was during their second pastorate at Bunker Hill, Ill. that the Lord opened the door for them to serve with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. Mr. Moffat worked as Deputation Director and Field Representative for nearly 13 years.

Mrs. Moffat for part of this time served as secretary in the Mission's home office in Philadelphia, Pa. Over the years, little by little, Mrs. Moffat has regained health and strength, so that today she is able to enter into

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## COVER PICTURE:

Thanksgiving is thanks-living! And thanks-living is thanking God at all times for the many, many priceless blessings of life and for all His benefits. And most of all, we have the greatest gift ever given for which to be thankful — Jesus Christ. Let us rejoice and praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men. Turkeys are merely a symbol of the provision of food for the body. God satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

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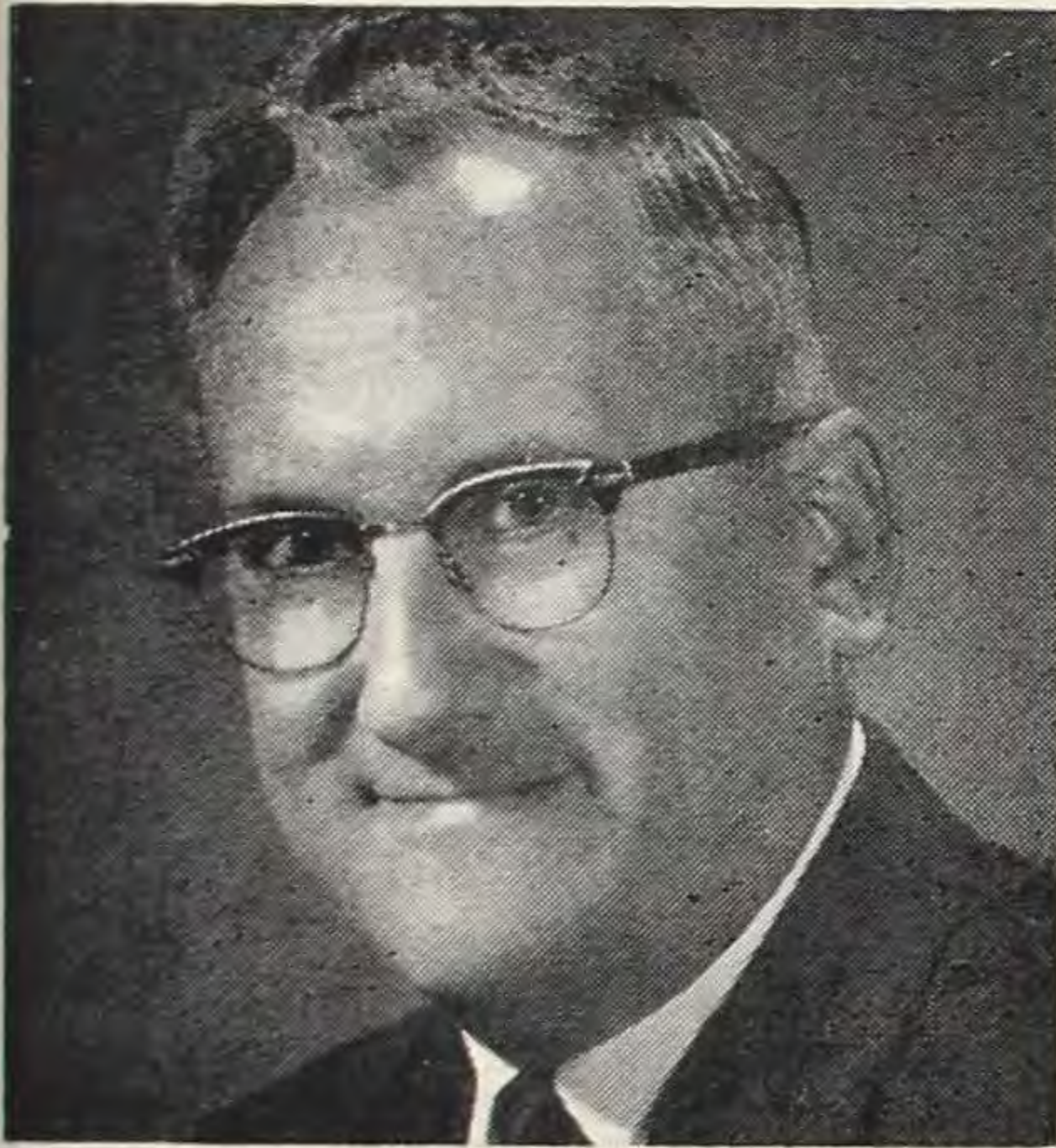




# The Ohio Independent Baptist

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## Your State Missionary



**Rev. Earl D. Umbaugh**

The question is often asked, as I travel across the State of Ohio, "Where are you working now?" This question stems from a genuine interest on the part of the people of our churches in the outreach of the new church ministry. I have spent some time in the East Liverpool area. The Heights Baptist Church voted, several weeks ago, to seek to establish another Independent Baptist Church on the northeast side of the city. There is a natural geographical division between this and the Pleasant Heights section and over 10,000 people to be reached with the gospel. Newspaper ads seeking to reach new families in that area produced very little results. I spent Sunday through Friday with Pastor Donald Rettger and his family canvassing. On two Saturdays, Pastors and some laymen from the Bethany Association continued the canvass. Evangelist Charles Boren came for an eight-day Evangelistic Meeting. Will you pray with us that a new church may be established by our Fellowship in that needy area?

Some efforts are being put forth in the Portage Lakes area on the south side of Akron. This church will be sponsored by the churches in the Akron area Fellowship. Several families have expressed an interest in be-

## "Where are you working now?"

coming a part of this new church. A place for the holding of Sunday Services is now being sought. Rev. Dean Henry, Rev. Herbert White and Rev. D. E. Luttrell form the extension committee in the Akron area.

The new church in Dundee is becoming a reality and is now holding Sunday Services and a mid-week Bible study and prayer meeting. A church covenant and statement of faith have been adopted. They are now preparing a constitution and by-laws and will soon be ready for formal organization. The permanent location of this church has not yet been decided as they will be drawing from several small communities north and

east of the Dover-New Philadelphia area. A layman from Bible Mission Baptist Church, Reynoldsburg along with Pastor Llewellyn Thompson and Pastor Albert Kinsey have been guiding this new church.

## New churches welcomed into Ohio fellowship

Nine new churches and pastors were welcomed into the Association of Regular Baptist Churches and were extended the hand of fellowship at the annual meeting at First Baptist Church, Niles, Ohio, October 18.

Pastors and churches taken into the Association are, Mt. Vernon First Regular Baptist Church of Amity, Ohio, and Tiverton Regular Baptist Church, Brinkhaven, Ohio, both pastored by James S. Hunter; Schwartz Road Baptist Church, Akron, Ohio, Rev. M. E. Moore, pastor; Highview Avenue Baptist Church, Akron, Ohio, Rev. D. E. Luttrell, pastor; Abbe Road Baptist Church, Elyria, Rev. Don Curtis, pastor; Hope Baptist Church, Columbus, Norman Bosworth, pastor; West Suburban Baptist Church, Olmsted Falls, Rev. Vernon Jones, pastor; Grace Baptist Church, Willoughby, Rev. George Gibson, pastor; and Bethel Baptist Church, Toledo, Rev. Clifford Boessel, pastor.

Two churches were removed from the association; Bible Baptist Church, Seven Mile, Ohio, took action to remove itself; and Bible Mission Baptist Church of Salesville has disbanded.

There are now 150 churches fellowshiping in the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

**More news next month on the annual meeting**



## Services held

Shown above is Ohio State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh, removing a shovel full of ground at the groundbreaking services of Champion Baptist Church. Shown looking on is William Yocum, Contractor (left), and Pastor Wesley D. Smith.

The church was begun in May 1964 and has shown steady increase and souls saved with an attendance averaging 70 in Sunday School and 82 in morning worship with a high of 110.



# Two monstrosities

## In our churches

By Woodrow W. McCaleb

First Baptist Church

Elyria, Ohio

Two monstrosities stand out as we take a careful view of the average Evangelical Church today. Both are dregs on our spiritual power and effectiveness, and both are a grief to the heart of God! Unless corrective measures are taken, the impact of the church will be lost to a world in desperate need of Jesus Christ and His saving power.

The First monstrosity is the monstrosity of SAINTLY SINNERS! I refer to that group in our Churches that is seeking to put on the clothes of the Christian life without really having that life! There are many, I am persuaded, who know all the terms, and can parrot all the expressions, and have the ability to answer all the questions, but who have never had a saving encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. They have never met Him in that crises experience when the heart and life was surrendered to Him, owning Christ as Lord and Savior. Unless this takes place, there can be no salvation.

One who has just gone through the motions, but who has never really meant business with God, may try to act saintly, but he is still a lost sinner and devoid of spiritual life. True surrender in salvation involves "to believe in, surrender to, trust in and rely on Jesus Christ because of Who He is, and because of what He has done!" It is the giving of ones entire being in unresolved committal to Him, regardless of the cost. One can be ever so saintly — the liberal Churches have an abundance of this variety — but unless you have come to know Christ, you are still a lost sinner.

The second monstrosity in the average Baptist Church is that of SINNING SAINTS! I refer to that increasingly large group of Christians, who have really come to know Christ in a saving experience, but who are living selfish, defeated and careless lives of sin. Because Self is on their throne of their hearts, and not Christ, they are living a life of conformity to the world and its ways, and refuse to be the "peculiar" and "different" people that God wants them to be. Many have taken the precious doctrine of the security of the saints, and have used it as a cloak for their worldliness and sin. They tell us that the Christian is free — free to live as he pleases, but fail to realize that this is only true as the believer pleases to please Christ.

These have forgotten that we are not our own, but are bought with a price, even the precious blood of Jesus, and that we are to, therefore, present our bodies in full surrender to God, a holy, living ascrifice, not conforming to the patterns of this evil age, but living instead, a transformed life for the glory of God! It is through this pattern of living that we come to know by

personal experience the good and acceptable and perfect will of God! It is this life that really counts for Christ and makes an impact on men!

Sinning Saints, and saintly sinners! How tragic to behold them in the midst of the Assembly, being used by Satan to hinder and thwart the work of the Spirit through His Church. How tragic when standards are lowered to accommodate the world in order to make ourselves more attractive to it. How foolish to think that we can substitute spectacular programs for the Spirit's power. G. Campbell Morgan once said, "The mission of the Church is to invade the world with the Gospel, but the tragedy of our age is that the world has invaded the Church!" This is increasingly evident today. May we ever remember that we are "in the world," but "not of the world." When our distinctive and holy difference is lost, then the power of the Church is neutralized, the Holy Spirit grieved and the world about us denied the light that it desperately needs to be directed to Christ.

The real answer lies in the experiencing of a genuine Heaven-sent, Holy Ghost revival in our Churches. A revival grounded in a return to plain preaching on the holiness of God and the awfulness of sin; A revival where the Holy Spirit brings to the saints a new realization of the personal presence of Christ in their lives, a new hunger and desire for the Word of God, and personal holiness; and a new and increasing love of the Brethren! This will cost every one of us much — some more than others — but it will be worth all that it costs!

Are you a living monstrosity in your church?



Woodrow W. McCaleb



# Does my life have a purpose?

A young college student entered a department store, found his way to the information desk and asked in what department he would find a compass. To this came the reply, "Are you looking for a compass to make a circle or one that will give you direction?"

Certainly that is a peep into life itself. Every individual should ask himself — "Am I going in circles or does my life have purpose and direction?" So many of life's involvements today are characterized by the trite expression "a vicious circle." May I therefore challenge your thinking momentarily with the words of Proverbs 3:5-6 — "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." The trusting heart does not only look to society, to education, to science nor to wealth — good though these may be — and certainly, it does not look to itself for guidance! Instead, the trusting heart looks to God for the guidance and direction that only He can give.

In relation to this, however, I realize that life is filled with question marks. From a child's earliest words on through the sunset years of life the question "WHY?" is that which characterizes mankind. Not only is this true in the moral, the scientific, the economic and political realms of life; but also, and perhaps more importantly so, it is found in the spiritual

realm. Therefore, the question comes again and again, "Why should I let God control my life?" or even "Why should I be born again — become a Christian . . .?" The answer to this general line of questioning of course is manifold, yet may be summed up by saying that if a person desires to attain that desired position in the presence of God for all eternity as well as having that blessed fellowship and knowledge of sins forgiven here on earth, the individual MUST choose to follow Christ in this life.

## Word of God is clear

The Word of God is clear in stating that for this to become a reality in our heart and life, we must first see ourselves as crooked, unregenerate sinful individuals who are doomed for Christless eternity in hell (see crooked line to left or diagram). The only way for man to be acceptable in God's sight is to express faith in Christ's finished work on the Cross, and repent of sin. This act of repentance is possible for anyone who is made aware of his own sinfulness as compared to Christ's holiness, thus realizing that in life there are TWO PATHWAYS.

In focusing our attention on Matt. 7:13-14 we are not left to doubt the fact that there are ONLY two pathways of life. THE FIRST as depicted in verse 13 is that way which is being followed by the vast majority of the world's populace. It is the way of worldly pleasure — characterized by that which gratifies the "lusts of the



Darrell R. Bice

flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life" (I John 2:16).

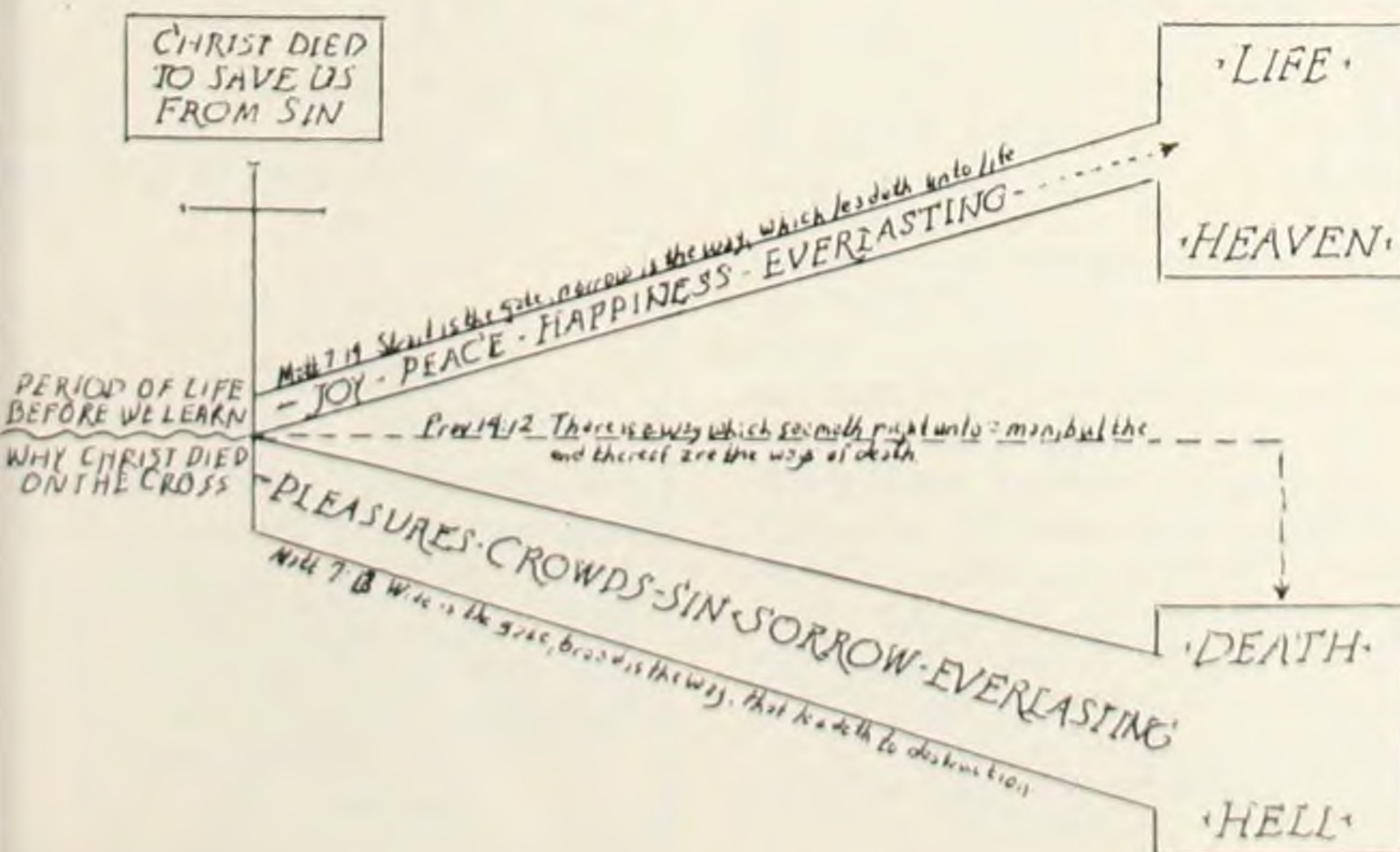
The final outcome of this path is portrayed vividly as everlasting punishment, everlasting sorrow, spent in Hell, banished forever from the presence of God. We note from our verse that the gate is wide and the way is broad — for "many there be (the majority of people) that go in thereat." Contrary to the thinking of the multitudes, all people are NOT Christians and God is NOT the Father of them all!

The SECOND and only other road, according to verse 14, is that which leads to everlasting joy, peace, happiness and life — spent in the presence of God, surrounded by all the splendors of heaven, blessed and beautified by the very person of Christ Himself. The fact which should thrill the heart of every born again believer is that once we have chosen to follow the way of Jesus Christ, there is no possible way of slipping, falling or treading from that road back to the other. As noted time and time again in the Scripture and as portrayed on the diagram — it is the cross of Christ itself (and the finished work accomplished there) which bars us from ever falling. We are sealed in the Beloved, clothed about with His righteousness, seated IN HIM in the heavenlies. PRAISE GOD!

All of the work of Calvary would have to be erased, done away with — then repeated, in order for us to fall from the pathway of everlasting life. True it is that we may stumble and fall IN the way — but never OUT OF the way. Praise God for the assurance of those precious words of Matt. 10:27-29, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them

(Con't. on inside back cover)

## PATHWAYS OF LIFE





## The church . . . and the pastor



A service of dedication was held at First Baptist Church of Parma, Sept. 12. A mission project of Calvary Baptist Church, Cleveland, the church began when four families met in a school in Sept. 13, 1960 to organize a church. Rev. Samuel Elliott is pastor.

### First Baptist Church, Parma started only six years ago

First Baptist Church of Parma was started only six years ago, yet today it is a thriving church with many members and has just completed a new building program.

Dedication services were held Sept. 12 with the address brought by Dr. James T. Jeremiah, president of Cedarville College.

Others who took part were, Arlene Harrier, organ prelude; Rev. Elliott Horton, invocation; Rev. James Godley, Sr., scripture reading; Paul Schumacher, solos; James W. Day, greetings from the Mayor of Parma; Hof-

stetter Construction Co., presentation of keys; Ross, Mallalieu and Roberts, comments by a representative of the architects; and Rev. George Gibson, prayer of dedication.

The church began as a mission project of Calvary Baptist Church, Cleveland, (Rev. George Gibson, pastor) when four families met in the Thoreau Park Elementary School Sept. 13, 1950 to organize a church. Rev. James E. Godley, Sr. was called to be the first pastor.

A year later a small church building at 5994 Ridge Rd. was purchased with some assistance from the Baptist Builders Club (FBHM). The



Rev. Samuel Elliott

work prospered and soon it was necessary to enlarge the auditorium. In August, 1955 Pastor Godley resigned to enter full time home mission work.

Rev. Elliott Horton was pastor of the church from 1955 to 1962 during which time a parsonage was purchased also 6.7 acres of land.

In September of 1962 the present pastor, Rev. Samuel Elliott was called. Under his inspiring leadership, and faithful ministry of the Word of God, a new place of worship was erected.

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God gets His greatest victories out of apparent defeats.

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If we look only to Christ we will not succumb to disappointment in others.

### From our churches

GALLIPOLIS — A full afternoon and evening of inspiration fellowship and recreation was enjoyed at the Senior High Youth Rally Sept. 18 at First Baptist Church, Gallipolis. The evening featured the film "God's Country," emphasizing the role of Christianity in preserving democracy in a world threatened by communism. Church groups in the area attended.

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BELLEFONTAINE — Pastor John S. Wood of Calvary Baptist, Bellefontaine, recently baptized four members of one family, also a young man in service at U.S. Air Force base. Fifteen young people held a retreat at Hocking State Park. Rev. William Large and his family are on furlough from Equitos, Peru, and are occupying the missionary apartment for the next year.

### Maranatha Baptist Church completes remodeling

Maranatha Baptist Church, Springfield, has spent over \$10,000 this last year in its church completion program, Pastor Clifford Lones announced.

The program started several months ago with purchasing new pews and decorating the auditorium. During the past two months the church has completed the basement by installing a suspended ceiling, modern-fold folding doors and tiling the total floor area. A beautiful baptistry has been built in behind the choir area. With this completion program Maranatha Baptist now has modern facilities and equipment to more efficiently do the Lord's work in teaching and evangelizing.

There have been 26 decisions since January at Maranatha Baptist; 16 of these have been for salvation. Three young men left for school this fall to prepare for the Lord's services.

Dr. Edward Morrell, Jr., chairman of the Council of Ten, held Revival meetings at Maranatha Baptist from Oct. 3 through 10.

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## 75th anniversary services held at First Baptist, Niles

First Baptist Church, Niles, Ohio, held its 75th anniversary and mortgage burning services Sept. 17-19. There was also special music by old timers choir, youth choir, church orchestra and song services; church history, recognition of oldest members in length of membership and spiritual blessings.

Speakers were Rev. Arthur F. Jones, Rev. Kenneth A. Amsler, Dr. Robert T. Ketcham; Rev. T. Fred Hussey and Rev. John Weyant.

## Dr. R. T. Ketcham is speaker at statewide ACCC fall rally

Dr. Robert T. Ketcham was speaker at the fall rally of the American Council of Christian Churches of Ohio at the Canton Gospel Center, Canton, Ohio, Sept. 21.

The program included, Rev. John Myers, president, ACCC of Ohio, devotions; a business session; an address "No Substitute For Victory" on the future of the ACCC of Ohio by Rev. Dean Henry; An address by Dr. Ketcham; seminars for women by Mrs. Harold O'Dell and Miss Ruth Trato; seminars for men by Robert Kurtz; ICC 6th Plenary Congress Pictorial Report by Rev. Kenneth Barth, host pastor; dinner served by the host church; and a closing rally address by Dr. Ketcham.

## Literature being distributed

The Pocket Testament League, veteran of many Scripture distribution and evangelization campaigns in war ravaged areas of the world, announced the beginning of a one million Scripture distribution campaign in Viet Nam. Glenn Wagner, who has been PTL Foreign Secretary during all the PTL post-war campaigns, has established an operating base headquarters in Saigon. 200,000 Vietnamese gospels have already been printed.

## Need Your Comments!

WE ARE always glad to get letters from readers who have an idea or an opinion you would like to share with other OIB readers. Send your comments to; Editor, Ohio Independent Baptist Magazine, Box 7, Cedarville, Ohio.

## Gifts to the Ohio Association

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| Avon Baptist, Avon (Hon.) .....                    | 35.00     |
| Maranatha Baptist, Springfield (Hon.) .....        | 25.00     |
| Erieside Bible Conf. Assn., Cleveland (Hon.) ..... | 48.00     |
| Grace Baptist, Youngstown (Hon.) .....             | 15.00     |
| Struthers Baptist, (Hon.) .....                    | 25.00     |
| Calvary Baptist, Byesville .....                   | 10.00     |
| Hebron Men's Fellowship, Cleve. ....               | 10.00     |
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| Calvary Baptist, Norwalk .....                     | 5.00      |
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| New Richland Baptist, Belle Center ....            | 5.00      |
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| Penfield Jct. Baptist, Lorain .....                | 10.00     |
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| Norton Center Baptist, Barberton ....              | 15.00     |
| Emmanuel Baptist, Toledo .....                     | 37.50     |
| Euclid-Nottingham Baptist, Euclid ....             | 25.00     |
| North Royalton Baptist .....                       | 2.00      |
| First Baptist, Elyria .....                        | 16.25     |
| Bethlehem Baptist, Cleveland .....                 | 5.00      |
| Union Baptist .....                                | 5.00      |
| South Canaan Baptist, Athens .....                 | 2.00      |
| Calvary Baptist, Bellefontaine .....               | 25.00     |
| Northfield Baptist .....                           | 10.00     |
| Calvary Baptist, Cleveland .....                   | 10.00     |
| First Baptist, Lancaster .....                     | 10.00     |
| Cedar Hill Baptist, Cleveland Hts. ....            | 60.00     |
| Mogadore Baptist .....                             | 5.00      |
| Grace Baptist, Cedarville .....                    | 15.00     |
| Calvary Baptist, Xenia .....                       | 5.00      |
| Trinity Baptist, Lorain .....                      | 10.00     |
| Immanuel Baptist, Arcanum .....                    | 10.00     |
| Calvary Baptist, Massillon .....                   | 10.00     |
| Memorial Baptist, Columbus .....                   | 25.00     |
| Berea Baptist .....                                | 35.00     |
| Graham Road Baptist, Cuyahoga Falls ..             | 25.00     |
| Immanuel Baptist, Columbus .....                   | 15.00     |
| Blessed Hope Baptist, Springfield ....             | 10.00     |
| Brookside Baptist, Cleveland .....                 | 1.00      |
| Bible Mission Baptist, Reynoldsburg ....           | 15.00     |
| Bethel Baptist, Warren .....                       | 5.00      |
| First Regular Baptist, Bellefontaine ....          | 13.00     |
| First Baptist, Bowling Green .....                 | 20.00     |
| Bible Baptist, Girard .....                        | 20.00     |
| First Baptist, Gallipolis .....                    | 10.00     |
| Temple Baptist, Portsmouth .....                   | 50.00     |
| Evansville Baptist, Niles .....                    | 5.00      |
| Emmanuel Baptist, Xenia .....                      | 20.00     |
| Total Receipts .....                               | \$1087.02 |
| Total Disbursements for the                        |           |
| Month were .....                                   | \$1514.42 |

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We ought not to rest content in the mists of the valley when the sunshine of the mountain top awaits us.

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The beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.

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The fruitful life seeks the showers as well as the sunshine.

## Contributions to Home and Camp Inc. Martin E. Holmes, Treas. Sunbury Baptist Church Box 233 Sunbury, Ohio

### AUGUST

#### Gifts to the Home

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Sharon Baptist, Sharon, Pa. ....        | \$ 5.00   |
| Vernon T. Caulkins .....                | 2.00      |
| Cedar Hill Baptist, Cleveland .....     | 10.00     |
| Trinity Baptist, Lorain .....           | 5.00      |
| Calvary Baptist, Bellefontaine .....    | 16.00     |
| Huntsburg Baptist .....                 | 10.00     |
| North Royalton Baptist .....            | 10.00     |
| Emmanuel Baptist, Toledo                |           |
| Mr. and Mrs. A. Rupp .....              | 4.00      |
| Calvary Baptist, Painesville .....      | 15.00     |
| Brown St. Baptist, Akron                |           |
| Mrs. C. S. Gibson .....                 | 3.00      |
| Calvary Baptist, Cleve., 2 months ....  | 20.00     |
| Grace Baptist, Cedarville .....         | 10.00     |
| Northfield Baptist .....                | 10.00     |
| Penfield Jct. Baptist, Lorain .....     | 10.00     |
| First Baptist, McDonald, for debt ..... | 48.00     |
| Vernon T. Caulkins .....                | 2.00      |
| Velma Helensky, Bedford .....           | 2.00      |
| Immanuel Baptist, Columbus .....        | 15.00     |
| Memorial Baptist, Columbus .....        | 15.00     |
| Immanuel Baptist, Arcanum .....         | 10.00     |
| Berea Baptist .....                     | 25.00     |
| Hinckley Ridge Baptist .....            | 5.00      |
| First Baptist, Bowling Green .....      | 10.00     |
| Brown Street Baptist, Akron             |           |
| Mrs. C. S. Gibson .....                 | 7.00      |
| Emmanuel Baptist, Toledo .....          | 25.00     |
| Total .....                             | \$ 294.00 |

A sizable payment will be made on the loan at the close of the Home & Camp Year as directed by the Trustees. We are grateful for those who have responded to the call.

#### Gifts to the Camp

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| First Baptist, Gallipolis .....        | \$ 15.00  |
| First Baptist, McDonald .....          | 10.00     |
| Emmanuel Baptist, Toledo .....         | 18.75     |
| Bethlehem Baptist, Cleveland .....     | 5.00      |
| Northfield Baptist .....               | 10.00     |
| Trinity Baptist, Lorain .....          | 5.00      |
| First Baptist, Wauseon .....           | 34.56     |
| Blessed Hope Baptist, Springfield .... | 10.00     |
| Immanuel Baptist, Columbus .....       | 10.00     |
| Sharon Baptist, Sharon, Pa. ....       | 5.00      |
| Evansville Baptist, Niles .....        | 10.00     |
| Hinckley Ridge Baptist .....           | 5.00      |
| Total .....                            | \$ 148.31 |

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Some Christians jump around so much that they never do "stand still and see the salvation of the Lord."

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Hardship makes character.

## Why must Brethren suffer?

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# Heart to Heart

## Among the Women

Mrs. Inez Milner,  
Women's Editor



### The month of harvest

This is the month of Harvest Displays, Ingatherings, Thanksgiving — and the month before Christmas also, isn't it? Thanksgiving! What a kind word it is, a warm feeling comes to the surface when we are in touch with one who expresses genuine gratitude — thanksgiving! This would not emerge from one who is living a double standard life, from one who is selfish and sullen. No, Thanksgiving issues forth from one who really experiences 'thanks-living' and real thanks-living comes from the one whose source is God. Jesus Christ is our life and joy in this life and for all eternity — "Christ in us the hope of glory". May Thanksgiving Day this year be a special day of the 365 days of Thanksgiving, for you and yours.

### Commentary on Ruth

By Walter L. Wilson, M.D.  
(Continued from last month)

TEARS IN MOAB — Elimelech, Naomi and the two boys reached Moab safely, but they forgot that there were graves down in Moab. They forgot that death stalks in Moab, and that there are tears there. Folks think they can turn away from God and start living a worldly life and have nothing but pleasure, nothing but joy, nothing but happiness. They should remember that there are graves in Moab. There are tears there and heartbreaks, heartaches and troubles. Within ten years Elimelech, Mahlon and Chilion all died. And three women are left: Naomi and her daughters-in-law, Ruth and Orpha.

There are plenty of tears now in Moab, but there is no one to wipe them away. Remember that when you are tempted to go astray and to turn your back on God, there will be no one to comfort you. The world will not love you. It does not care anything about you. All that the world wants is to get what you have. It does not care anything about you. When it gets what you have, it is through with you. I have seen it over and over again in my practice of medicine through the years, that when folks turned their back on the Lord

and got in trouble and became sick and death came, they were left high and dry. There is One, however, who does care, and who does love; but He is not down in Moab. He is up in Jerusalem. You ought to walk with the Lord.

BACK TO GOD — After the three women were left widows, Naomi "arose with her daughters-in-law, that she might return from the country of Moab; for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the Lord had visited His people and given them bread" (1:6). There never is a famine very long in the things of God. There may be a dry spell. There may be a drought for a little while. But God always has plenty for His people. David said, "He makes me to lie down in pastures of tender grass," not on sticks and stones, and sand and cinders.

"Wherefore (Naomi) went forth out of the place where she was . . ." (1:7). That is, she did something about it. And that is a good thing to do. You know, it is not always as far coming back home as it is going away from home. The Lord will let you get back home quickly. You do not need to take three years getting back to God. You are not compelled to sob and weep and beg and plead and ask Him to take you back. He is looking for you to come back. He wants His sheep on His shoulders. He wants His child in His arms. He wants those whom He died for and saved by His grace close to Him. The minute you tell Him that you are coming, He is running toward you. Was it not so with the prodigal son? As soon as the prodigal jumped over the fence and started home, his father ran toward him. But remember, the prodigal did not take any pet pigs with him when he went home.

The two sisters now decided that they will go with their mother-in-law back to Jerusalem. No doubt Naomi told them something about Jerusalem. She told them that God was giving the people bread back there. She must have also told them about the beauties that were there, the lovely things that were there. And they said, "We're

going with you." The two girls started back with Naomi to Jerusalem.

### Helpful Hints

Before the service begins check your church calendar or bulletin for the order of service. If the Scripture passage is listed, locate same, and you will be ready to follow your pastor as he reads it, or to read in unison without a hurried scramble to find it.

### KOOK'S KORNER

Fancy Bread  
(3 loaves to serve 50)  
Apricot Nut Bread

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar  
1 egg  
 $1\frac{1}{4}$  cup orange juice  
3 cups Bisquick  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup chopped nuts  
1 cup chopped dried apricots

Heat oven to 350° (mod.). Mix sugar, egg, orange juice, and Bisquick. Then beat vigorously for 30 seconds. Batter may still be lumpy. Stir in nuts and apricots. Pour into well greased loaf pan, 9x5x3". Bake 55 to 60 min. until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Crack in top is typical. Cool before slicing. Cuts easier the second day.

### Cranberry-Orange Nut Bread

Follow recipe for Apricot Nut Bread — except add 1 cup chopped cranberries (fresh or frozen, if frozen do not thaw) in place of chopped apricots.

To bake in cans: Heat oven to 350°. Divide batter between 3 well greased 1 lb. 4 oz. cans or 5 well greased soup cans. Fill slightly more than half full. Bake 1 lb 4 oz. cans 45 to 50 min., soup cans about 40 min.

These breads are delightful for coffee or tea parties. Slice them thin, butter slightly or spread with softened cheese. Delicious as an accompaniment to salads, too.—Betty Crocker's "The More The Merrier".

Does this remind you of something? Yes, we are still happy to receive Betty Crocker Coupons for Cedarville College. Thank you!

THOT: "Kindness is Love in its working clothes". M. R. DeHaan.



(Concluded from inside front cover)

the work of the church along with her husband. She has been teaching piano, serving as church secretary and has assisted Mr. Johnson in his work of editing the O.I.B. At the annual Women's Missionary Union meeting at Niles, Ohio, she was elected secretary of that state group.

Mr. Johnson, in his letter of resignation, in part stated:

"Due to the tremendous responsibilities involved, and being able to do this work only on a part-time basis after completion of a full work-week schedule elsewhere, I am unable to continue and must devote more time to family responsibilities.

"The work as editor of the magazine could in itself be full-time work for one man to write correspondence, publish an interesting magazine and visit among the churches for special meetings, dedications, ground-breakings and other activities.

"I sensed these things were necessary, but regretfully much had to be left undone merely because of this time limitation.

"My term as editor these past four years, nonetheless, has been one of many blessings. We have seen our group of churches grow from 125 to 142 in three years with nine more to be welcomed at the annual meeting in Niles, O., this year. Our Ohio Regular Baptist Home "Hilltop House" is a reality with residents in the home and financial obligations being met. The State Missionary, Earl D. Umbaugh, came on the field with his "Program of Propagation" and is doing a remarkable work in establishing new churches. Camp Patmos has made attendance records and the grounds are increased and the property improved. Increased attendance has been made at the annual youth rally. Cedarville College has shown tremendous strides in both students and improvements. The Scioto Hills Regular Baptist Camp, while only recently established, is showing great potential.

"Although in the background on these projects, I trust the magazine and my work as editor has been of some help through publicizing activities, initiating prayer and encouraging financial support.

"Council of Ten members, pastors and church members have given much encouragement, counseling, advice and contributed articles willingly for the magazine. Without this help



James R. Johnson

much of the work could not be done. To these persons I offer a heartfelt thanks of gratitude.

"But there are many more churches to be established; there are many more youths to reach for Christ; there are many more senior citizens who need a home. There is the vision then of even greater things ahead for the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

"To this end, I offer my prayers and continued help in the transition period to follow and will aid the new editor until he becomes established in the work."

The Council of Ten then issued this statement:

"With sincere thanks for and keen appreciation of the excellent job done by Editor James Johnson and with sincere regret, we accept his resignation as editor of the O.I.B. effective December 31, 1965."

Pray for your new editor as he assumes his new duties. He has taken a step of faith, moved out of a pastorate, and taken heavy responsibilities in this new field. The Lord, however, is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that which we ask or think and this new ministry will surely be one of blessings while the Moffats serve Him.

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If the Bible is really our guide, then we ought by all means, and without exception, obey its precepts.

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God does not comfort us to make us comfortable but to make us comforters.

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While we live today, God is in our tomorrow.

## At Hilltop House

Elton C. Hukill, Supt.

303 E. Tuscarawas Ave.  
Barberton, Ohio

A group of nine from the First Baptist Church of Galion served a luncheon for the residents and staff. Eleven ladies and a group of Junior boys and girls from the Grace Baptist Church of Kent provided hymn and chorus singing and a devotional message for us. These services are greatly enjoyed by all of us here at the Home. We extend a very cordial invitation to other groups to come visit us.

We continue our week-day Bible Study classes with great blessing, and also held two Sunday Morning Worship Services. Supt. Hukill conducts these services. He was also privileged to preach the Word in the following churches: First Baptist, Rittman; Euclid Ave. Baptist, Lorain; and the First Baptist Church of Bowling Green. We are happy to fellowship with God's children in these churches. Supt. Hukill is available for pulpit supply on Sundays. Contact him at the above address, or call Barberton 745-8475.

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# Christian Education

By Mrs. Earl Umbaugh, 2150 Marhofer Ave. Stow, Ohio

## How To Organize



MRS. EARL UмбаUGH

Since the Sunday evening groups are to be a place for the training of the youth of the church in leadership, service and Christian fellowship this can best be accomplished if you have at least a simple set of By-Laws, nothing complicated such as a constitution. Part of training is to teach the matter of doing things "decently and in order".

### *Establish the name*

Baptist Youth Fellowship — BYF or,  
Baptist Training Union — BTU or some other name especially suited to you.

### *Establish time of regular meetings*

Sunday evening at 6:00 P.M.

All Sunday services of the church.

Mid-Week prayer meeting. (A youth session to themselves)

Socials — First and third Friday of each month. (It is best to establish a time and then change it when necessary rather than have an undesignated time).

### *Establish membership regulations (Jr. High BYF)*

1. Any person who is 12 years and above or who has reached the seventh grade in school.
2. Any person who attends three consecutive Sundays in a row may be a voting member.
3. Members receiving on the fourth Sunday by standing while leader prays asking God to bless in this new association.
4. Anyone who has been absent for four consecutive Sundays shall be removed from the active membership role, but may be reinstated by attending three consecutive Sundays.
5. Only those who are willing to participate will be placed on a group to take part in the programs. And if placed on a group he will be expected to prepare and give the part to the best of his ability. Unwilling participation only disrupts and hinders the progress of the group.

### *Establish by-laws*

#### I. Elections

1. Elect from the active membership of the B.Y.F.
2. There shall be two nominations for each office.
3. Use secret ballots.
4. Officers shall be saved and living Christian lives which are exemplary. (I Timothy 4:12-16)
5. Officers shall hold office for six months. (October through March and April through September.) This is long enough for an officer who does not do a good job and a good one may be re-elected. This also affords training for more

young people. (The Sponsor carries the unifying strain through the year.)

6. Election shall be the third week in September and March.

7. Vacancies will be filled by the appointment of the officers.

#### II. Officers:

##### 1. Sponsor

- a. Shall be appointed by the church for indefinite time.
- b. Shall represent the young people before the church.
- c. Shall be a person or couple with a love for young people and an untiring zeal to serve the Lord in their behalf.
- d. Shall be a guide and a counsellor to them.
- e. Shall equip them with material for programs.
- f. Shall see that all social gatherings are in accord with Christian conduct, dress and are well chaperoned.
- g. Shall see that discipline and order is maintained in all regular meetings.

##### 2. President

- a. Shall be a member of the church.
- b. Shall have charge of the Sunday evening meetings. (start on time)
- c. Shall moderate the business meetings. (with advice from the sponsor)
- d. Shall make announcements, recognize visitors and welcome new members.
- e. Shall appoint committees and see that they function. (with advice from the sponsor)

##### 3. Vice President

- a. Shall be a member of the church.
- b. Shall take the place of the president in his absence.
- c. Shall be in charge of all publicity. (Church bulletin news, record of attendance required by church and posters in church building.

##### 4. Secretary-Treasurer

- a. Shall keep a record of attendance, offering and any business conducted.
- b. Shall give monies to the church treasurer in a marked envelope for safe keeping. This avoids the temptation to "borrow" church funds for personal use.
- c. These offices may be separated if the size of the group warrants this.



## 5. Group Leaders

- The Sponsor and officers shall divide the whole BYF into equal groups two or more according to the size of your BYF.
- They see that the capable members are equally placed on the groups and that new or inexperienced members are equally divided on the groups to give balance to the programs.
- A group leader shall then be appointed to serve as the one to M.C. the meeting and see that all participants are ready and prepared for the service. Arranging for the special music, the song service, the quizz and and the Bible message parts to be well prepared and given.
- The Group leader shall call a meeting for preparation before the week that his group is to conduct their meeting.

## Consecration service for B.Y.F. officers

*Leader:* Read Romans 12: 1, 2

(Officers stand with backs to the congregation sing "Where He Leads Me".)

*Charge to Officers by leader* (May be the pastor): To you, officers, has been given a call to serve the Lord as officers of the Junior High Baptist Youth Fellowship. To each has been given his gift that the church may be perfected in love and service. To you is given the task to make the youth group function with unity, purpose and progress. Your leadership will do one of three things, (1) Remain in a stalemate position; (2) Go backward in loss of members, spirituality or enthusiasm or (3) Go forward with interesting meetings which are spiritual and have an outreach to win other youth to Christ and your group. We trust you will pray and push forward to attain this third goal.

*Response of Officers* — (Memorize or read in unison) We accept the call to serve as officers of the Church. We will by His power faithfully perform the tasks that are ours in the Jr. High Youth Group and our Church. We will support one-another in love and prayer.

*Charge to Group Leaders:* To you, Group Leaders, is given the call to serve in our devotion and study of the Word of God. To you is the great opportunity of presenting interesting and vital programs. We urge you to put much into each meeting in the way of prayer, preparation and programming. Make each meeting different and challenging and true to His Word. Make the most of the talent you have on your group and encourage and develop further talent.

*Response of Group Leaders:* (Memorize or read in unison) We accept the call to serve as Group leaders. We will plan and prepare ahead for each meeting for which we are responsible. We will work together for the advancement of our Youth Group and the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ in our meetings.

*Charge to the Membership:* To you as members of the Junior High B.Y.F. we issue a call for faithful and regular attendance, faithful and substantial giving, and faithful and helpful co-operation when you are called upon to participate in song, in prayer, in the presentation of programs and at the social functions remembering that next term may be the ones to be placed in leadership and also remembering that the Lord will reward you for faithful service.

*Response of Membership:* (Stand) Quote together Ephesians 2:10.

**DEDICATION:** (Officers turn and face the congregation) All stand as a prayer of dedication is given by the Leader.

## PAKISTANI MILLIONAIRE

By Ralph T. Nordlund

In Tipperah Land, near Chittagong,  
There dwells a millionaire;  
And angels looking down must long  
His treasured wealth to share.

Ansari is this rich man's name,  
Whom worldly men count poor;  
But he is rich in unsought fame  
As Christ's ambassador.

He claims no mansion here on earth,  
A hovel is his home;  
But open doors proclaim his worth  
Wherever he may roam.

A weeping mother mourns her child;  
He hastes in Christian love  
To tell her of the Saviour mild,  
And of God's Home above

A famine strikes his flock and fold,  
But hear his faith expressed:  
"As fire brightens tarnished gold,  
So want will make us blest."

Oh, who will go to Tipperah Land,  
Ansari's wealth to share?  
Surely all Christians understand  
He is a millionaire!

(Written after reading Dr. Donn Ketcham's article in the Sept. OIB.)

## Thanksgiving

O precious Father, as we bow  
Before Thy throne today—

We count the many blessings  
Thou hast shower'd upon our way.

The comfort of our humble homes,  
Our health and happiness,

The strength provided for each day  
To meet the strain and stress.

We thank Thee for Thy precious Son  
Who brought salvation free,

And for this mighty land of ours —  
A land of liberty!

So, Lord, help us to give Thee thanks  
For all that we hold dear —

Not only on Thanksgiving Day  
But each day of the year!

—Copied



# A Completed Jew

By Mrs. Joseph Carey  
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Cleveland, Ohio

I thank the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, for now I can truly say that I am a completed Jew. Our wonderful, all-knowing God, through His marvelous grace, removed the veil from my eyes and revealed to me, through His precious Word, His Love Gift — the Messiah of Israel, the One Who came so long ago and Who is coming again. I thank Him for helping me to see myself as an unworthy sinner, in need of an all-knowing and loving Savior, and my prayer now is that I will allow Him to become the Lord of my life.

Looking back across the years, how wonderful it is to see how He worked in my life — gently, patiently, lovingly — to lead me to Himself!

My parents had an orthodox Jewish upbringing. In our home we observed the rituals and traditions of orthodox Judaism, but to me the customs and holidays were memorable largely for the traditional food associated with them, or perhaps for the new clothing we received at these times. Our family consisted of four girls, of which I was the third. Our parents were fairly well educated, each reading and speaking five languages. They instilled in us the

proper moral and social attitudes and loved us very much, but they never seemed to feel it important to teach us the beliefs of Judaism or their spiritual significance.

At the early age of seven, I remember having a great fear of death — the unknown. It was a feeling of hopelessness because there were so many questions in my mind for which to me there were no answers. This fear was very real and sometimes overpowering. The things of childhood and growing up occupied most of my time, but this fear was always in the back of my mind, especially at night.

At about eight years of age, a friend invited me to go to a place where she promised I would have a good time. This place was so pleasant. Everyone there was kind and friendly. We sang hymns, and there was a feeling of love. I learned, years later, that this was the home of The Cleveland Hebrew Mission. I remember returning to my home and talking and singing about Jesus. When my mother heard me mention that name, the name we had been taught to hate, she forbid me to go there again.

As I was growing up, I did not think seriously about God; however, when I did, I thought, in a vague sort of way, that religion was a way of life with a God somewhere in the background. As my parents grew older they dropped many of the Jewish customs, considering them to be foolish and without meaning. As a result, I was very lonely when the Jewish holidays came, and lonely at Christmas when the Gentiles were observing their holiday.

call to this field. Miss Lorene Brown came to join the Mission "family" in January of this year from Mansfield, Indiana. She took business courses at Indiana State College and had some Bible training at Appalachia Bible Institute. She will assist in the office and do visitation as time permits. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Huth joined the staff in May after completing their training at Missionary Internship in Detroit, Michigan. They come from Lancaster, Pennsylvania where Ronn graduated from the Lancaster School of the Bible. His wife, Bonnie, is a graduate of the Lancaster General Hospital. They have three lovely children. They are particularly burdened for Jewish young people. Pray that the Lord will supply the needs of these new workers, and use their testimonies to win Jews to Christ.

Though my parents did not consider it important to observe and uphold Jewish traditions, when I married a Gentile — a catholic, they were very unhappy and deeply humiliated. From a worldly standpoint, my marriage was a good one. I had a fine husband, who provided well so we could live comfortably, and my life seemingly was full. I appeared happy. But as we accumulated material things, I realized these did not bring the satisfaction or joy that I had anticipated.

We were blessed with three fine children, two girls and a boy. I was determined that they would not be plagued with this hopeless fear of death, that still gripped me from time to time, yet I did not know where to turn for help.

I became restless and bored. I thank God now for this restlessness because it led me on to a search which eventually brought me to our precious Messiah. I explored positive thinking; studied some of the eastern religions; delved somewhat into the study of science, and finally I studied applied psychology. These all had some good in them — they provided an explanation — but they did not solve my problem.

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## Cleveland Hebrew Mission begins its 62nd year

The 61st annual meeting of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission was held at the Hayden Ave. Baptist Church. The afternoon business session was well attended by the Mission Council, which heard reports of the Lord's blessing in every department of the work.

The public rally in the evening was blessed with a fine attendance of friends from many churches. Pastor Donald Woodby of the host church extended greetings and led in the congregational singing. Miss Dona Anderson inspired hearts with appropriate vocal solos. Assistant Superintendent, A. Paul Tidball, gave an excellent summary of the past year's ministry. New staff members were presented and responded with personal testimonies as to the Lord's

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I decided then that I would cultivate new friendships. Being of an Italian-Jewish marriage, I got in touch with others in the same marital status to find, perhaps, if we might have something in common. In contacting one acquaintance, our conversation led to her telling me of the joy and peace she had from attending a Bible class that met regularly. This lady said she had no interest in anything else, socially, and that this class provided all that she wanted and needed. I called at the address she gave me and learned that it was the home of The Cleveland Hebrew Mission. There, I talked to Florence Hagen and made several appointments to see her, but each time something came up so I was unable to keep the appointment. I was impressed with the friendliness and sincerity of this one to whom I talked, and in the back of my mind I decided that some day I would make an effort to meet her.

### Something different

In the meantime, I became active in PTA work. There I met and became close friends with the one who was then the president. She was a wonderful person, loved by everyone. There was something different about her, but I did not know then what it was. One day I called for her to go to a social club with me, and later we sat in the car until 1:30 a.m. talking. I was amazed. Could she, this wonderful Jewish woman, be talking about Jesus? Seeing my interest, she told me that she would refer me to a place where I could really learn the Truth. This place again was The Cleveland Hebrew Mission. I could no longer disregard these so-called coincidences. I made a call by phone and arranged to study the Bible with Florence Hagen.

I thought I was quiet smart in those days. I remember telling Florence that she would probably be wasting her time if she expected me to believe that Jesus was the Messiah, and that I did not want to obligate myself. I wanted only to understand what the Bible said. At that point I did not even believe the Bible was the inspired Word of God. Well, Florence was patient, loving and very wise.

How I praise God for giving me an open mind, and for the faith to believe the Truth when it was revealed to me! We studied Genesis. I learned the Hebrew plural and meaning of the word Elohim — "Let us make man in our image. ..." and I read

Isaiah 53. I wondered who this one was who would be despised and rejected of men. I met other workers at the Mission and was impressed with their genuine love for the Jewish people. (I was not easily deceived and I recognized their sincerity). Before that, I did not believe it was possible for a Gentile to love a Jew. I was suspicious and felt they had ulterior motives when they were friendly.

I do not remember the exact moment of decision when I passed from doubt to wonder and then to faith, joy and freedom in Christ Jesus. But I do know there was a great change. Prayer became precious, the Bible became very dear, even the grass appeared greener. I started to love the gospel hymns; they had new meaning for me. The veil was lifted — doubt and fear were gone.

Then, I became burdened for unsaved loved ones and friends. Since Jesus, the Messiah, has become a reality in my life, my sister and her daughter have accepted Him as their Saviour. Then my Catholic husband and our two married daughters came to Christ and were saved. Just recently my second son-in-law, who was raised as a strict Catholic and had been an altar boy, helping to serve mass, went forward in a service and accepted Him as his personal Saviour and Lord. What a joy it has been to see the Lord working in my family as one by one He is bringing them into the fold!

I praise and thank the Lord for His wonderful, faithful saints who, because of their love for Him, are bringing to our people the blessed good news that our Messiah, the Wonderful One, came, and is coming again for those who accept Him.

I thank God for peace in place of conflict, for faith in place of fear and for the peace and joy that truly passes all understanding. Most of all I thank Him for His Unspeakable Gift — our Saviour, Jesus, the Messiah of Israel.

### GARBC statistics show growth in association

Des Plaines, Ill. — The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches released statistics for the fiscal year ending April, 1965. Fifty-three new churches were received into the Association bringing the total number to 1200. The average membership per church is listed as 137.

Financial reports show that gifts to missions totaled \$5,303,339. Local church expenditures totaled \$13,156,629. Building expansion reached \$4,060,079. Total giving for all purposes amounted to \$22,520,048.

A comparison of these figures with similar ones of the previous year shows an increase in mission giving of \$408,047. The per capita missionary giving was \$32.20. Local current expense giving increased by \$1,187,492.

The Regular Baptists are so called because of their distinctive historic position. They stand forthrightly on the historic constitutional ground of separation of church and state, which is one of the several historic Baptist distinctives. The Association is church centered in its government and holds that the Holy Scriptures are the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. Extensive missionary efforts and evangelistic fervor are the earmarks of this fundamentalist fellowship of Baptist churches.

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# Beams From The Lighthouse

By Mrs. W. H. Keisler

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"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22,23.

How we praise Him for daily mercies. Truly they are new every morning.

In my last article, I told you about a retarded girl we have in the Door of Hope. We have all needed extra patience. She is so pitiful. We all feel so sorry for her, but there is just a certain amount we can do to help her.

We have taken another girl into the Door of Hope since I wrote you last. She accepted Christ as her Saviour just a few days after arriving here. She is a very sweet girl and is a big help to us in working with the retarded girl. She is only 16 and plans to finish her education. She is taking a secretarial course and is in the 11th grade. She is already very good at typing.

I also told you, in my last article, about a girl we had that was such a blessing to all of us. She has been dismissed and sent us the following letter.

"Dear Mammy and Pappy: I received your letter today and was glad to hear that the new girl had accepted Christ. I just wrote to her yesterday about my experience at the Mission and how she could ask the Lord to come into her heart.

Yes, it is truly wonderful to be back with my family. We are still celebrating.

I pray for and write to (another girl in the Door of Hope) often because I know that she doesn't have anyone close to her. When I first went to the Mission, I didn't know how people would treat me and I thought it would be horrible if Mom didn't stay with me. But when I had stayed for about a week, I realized that this was my mistake and that Mom couldn't help by staying. It was something I had to do on my own. I have never met a finer, more loving group of people. Miss Cook was such a dear. I could go to her any time with any problem I had. But most of

all, God was there. I didn't know Him before I went to the Mission.

I had a big chance to grow up at the Mission and to realize that my life was in the Lord's hands from then on. I will continue my education, then go to a good Bible school, and I know the Lord will have something good in store for me. I pray that the Lord will lead me to work in the Mission or one like it so I can tell other girls with the same problem I had how God can help them. Love 'B'".

Several months ago, we had a young man saved in the evening service. He got a good job, his wife took him back, and he is now happy with his wife and son. The following is a testimony from him.

"I came to the Mission many times with no hope or interest in this life, no hope for the future, and certainly no hope of being reconciled to my family. My only interest was to get enough change together for another drink.

"I had been an inmate of five alcoholic hospitals, twice a victim of a terrible case of D.T.'s. I certainly thought there was no hope for me. But I thank God, I heard through His Word, that Jesus would save and deliver me if I would trust Him and surrender my life to Him.

"I had tried everything else and it failed, but on Oct. 14, 1964, I tried Jesus, and He saved me and has kept me. I was reconciled to my family on Christmas Day, 1964, and it was the first Christmas that I hadn't been picked up by the law for about 18 years.

"The Lord made it possible for me to get a good, responsible job. I

now have a happy home, five rooms of furniture paid for and a car for my work and for my wife. God truly has been good to me and has done exceedingly, abundantly above all I could ask or think."

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eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my Father's hand."

Now, I'm certain, fellow pastor, Christian worker, Sunday School Teacher, soul-winner — that as you have dealt with individuals regarding their soul's need of a Saviour, you have met many who attempt to put a third road to God's diagram of life's pathways. This they do by stating, "Well . . . perhaps I'm not as good as some folks, but on the other hand, I'm not as bad as some others I know; so I'm not so bad after all." Thus, they place themselves on an imaginary road between the two roads indicated in Matt. 7:13 and Matt. 7:14. They believe themselves, their way, to be all right so they proceed to go right on as they please.

The Word of God deals with this line of reasoning, however, by stating in Prov. 14:12 that "There is a way which SEEMETH right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Yes, two roads, only two, and two destinies. Every person is on one or the other . . . there can be no middle ground. As you read this and study the diagram you need to answer the question, "Which road am I on?" If you find that you can assuredly answer that you are traveling God's pathway — how thankful you should be. Perhaps this will be helpful in helping you to clarify the matter for an unsaved friend or loved one. May God help us all to be concerned about the pathways of life and burdened for the multitude who are doomed to a Christless eternity unless they cease following the circles in which Satan leads them, and repenting of their sin seek the direction that only Christ can give.

## State Youth Rally Scheduled Nov. 26 at Cedarville

The Annual Youth Rally when youngsters from all over the state converge in one area is again scheduled on the campus of Cedarville College. The date is Nov. 26.

Hugh Horner will be in charge of two workshops in the afternoon, one titled "The Social Drink;" the other "Are Marriages Made in Heaven?" Both workshops will take the form of discussion.

In the evening, Brother Horner will bring the message "Does Eternal Security mean that I can live as I Please?"

Plan now to attend the State Wide Youth Rally!

## The school bus bill

The supporters of tax-paid bus service for parochial school pupils in Ohio may be celebrating too soon, according to an authority on church-state relations.

Gaston D. Cogdell of Washington, D. C., director of organization for Americans United has pointed out that the recent victory of supporters of parochial schools may have been a hollow one because of an amendment to the so-called "fair bus bill". The amendment specifically excludes any school which practices racial or religious discrimination in regard to "pupils, teachers, or employees" from publicly supported bus service.

Supporters of the original legislation openly stated that its purpose was to provide bus transportation to parochial school students, although the language of the bill is in terms of "private" schools. To skirt the church-state issue the original measure called for a separate bureau to operate buses for all accredited schools, both public and private, under the title of public safety. Cost would have been borne by the Ohio general fund. It would have provided bus transportation for some 68,000 nonpublic school pupils in Ohio at

an estimated annual cost of \$2 million.

The measure (Senate Substitute Bill 365) passed the state House of Representatives July 29 by a vote of 86-45, but not before the "non-discrimination" amendment was added by Representative Thomas D. Gindlesberger (R).

"The Catholic Universe Bulletin", published in Cleveland, nevertheless reported in its Aug. 6 issue: "More than 17,000 children in Cleveland diocesan elementary schools will be eligible for public bus transportation under the law passed last week by the Ohio legislature." Mr. Cogdell, however, declares that their enthusiasm is unfounded.

"Since all parochial schools practice religious discrimination in the hiring of teachers and administrators at least, and often in the selection of pupils, this amendment by definition excludes such schools from tax-supported bus service."

He added that the Ohio bus bill is unique in the history of this kind of legislation in this country inasmuch as "no other legal provision for public transportation to non-public schools ever has contained such a restrictive provision."

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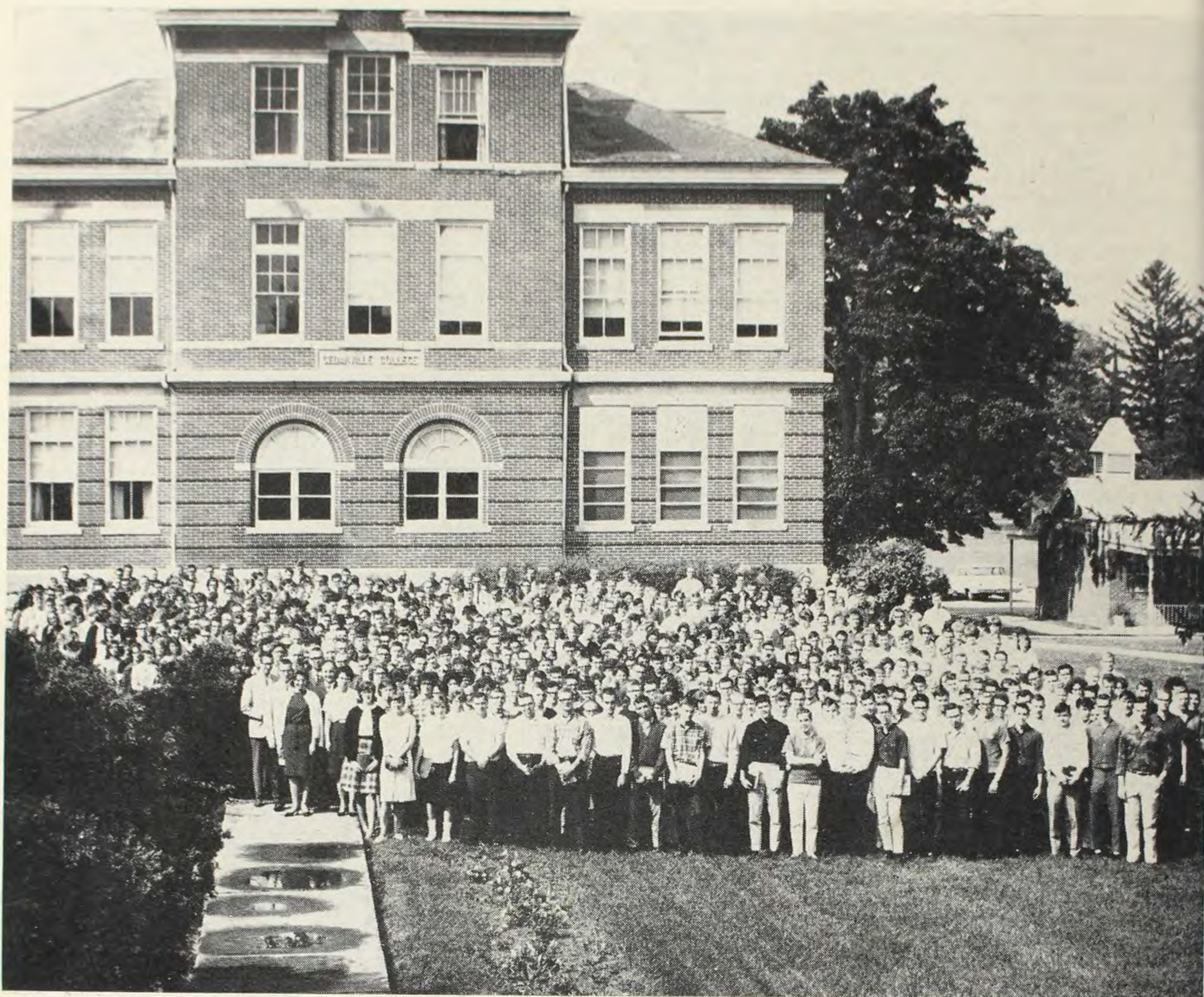
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